

## **REMARKS**

Applicants thank the Examiner for the very thorough consideration given to this application.

Claims 3-15 and 26-39 are now pending in the application.

Claims 7, 9, 14, 15, and 26-39 are allowed.

Applicants have amended rejected dependent claims 3-6, 8, and 10-12 to change their dependency from cancelled claim 2 to allowed claim 9. All dependent claims should therefore also now be in condition for allowance.

Applicants hereby cancel claim 2 without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter container therein for the purposes of expediting prosecution. Claims 1 and 16-25 were previously cancelled in Applicants' January 11, 2006, without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter container therein for the purposes of expediting prosecution and reducing excess claim fees. Applicants, however, do not necessarily acquiesce or agree with the rejections of any of these cancelled claims, and expressly reserve the right to refile any and all of the cancelled claims and contest any rejections or objections thereof in one or more subsequent applications.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the objections and rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

## **CONCLUSION**

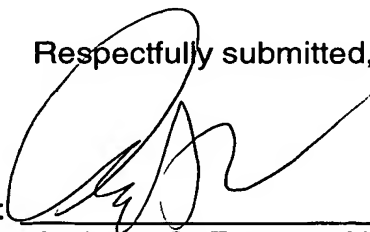
It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Applicants believe that they do not owe any fee in connection with this filing. If, however, Applicants do owe any fee(s), the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee(s) to Deposit Account No. **08-0750**. In addition, if there is ever any other fee deficiency or overpayment under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or 1.17 in connection with this patent application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such deficiency or overpayment to Deposit Account No. **08-0750**.

If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned directly at (314) 726-7502.

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